cides and they are also imparted training through extension programmes.

National Urban Policy

*632. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have so far formulated any National Urban Policy in consultation with State Governments; and

(b) if so, the salient features thereof indicating and when the recommendations of the National Commission on Urbanisation in this regard were submitted to Government and what is the time to be taken by the Centre for placing the same before Parliament for its approval?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SMT SHEILA KAUL):(a) and (b) The process of formulating a National Urban Policy has been initiated. Urbanisation patterns and problems in India vary widely between States, being dependent on widely differing socio-economic conditions, resource endowments and historical, geographical, cultural and institutional factors. In view of this, no meaningful formulation of National Urban Policy is possible without a realistic appraisal of the trends and issues of urban development at State and Regional levels. Therefore, as a first step, an exercise to develop the State Urban Strategy Papers has been started. Preparation of a National Urban Policy will involve a process of consultation with the State Governments and experts which has been started. The recommendations of the National Commission on Urbanisation submitted in August 1988 will be kept in view. Since elaborate consultations/exercises will be involved in the formulation of National Urban Policy, it is not possible to indicate the features of the policy at this stage although the Policy will cover aspects such as urbanisation, provision of urban infrastructure including water supply transport, solid waste management etc., urban environment, urban planning, urban finance, urban land use, institutional stengthening including decentralisation, etc. For the same reason, no specific timeframe for finalising the Policy and placing the same before the Parliament can be indicated.

Introduction of Circular Train around Ahmedabad

*633. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any survey report regarding circular train around Ahmedabad City, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) by when Government to decide to construct a Railway Crossing at Jivraj Park area in Ahmedabad?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Railways have informed that they can consider the construction of manned railway crossing at Jivraj Park if a proposal is received from Government of Gujarat or local body, along with consent to bear both capital and recurring costs, However, no such proposal has been received by the Ministry of Railways from the State Government.

सिंचाई हेतु विशेष योजनाएं

श्री राम जेठमलानी:
***634. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज:**

क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सीमांत किसानों की लगभग 52.5 प्रतिशत

भूमि तथा लघु किसानों की 55.5 प्रतिशत भूमि असिंचित है ;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इन सीमांत और लघु किसानों की भूमि को सिंचित क्षेत्र में लाने के लिये कोई विशेष योजना कार्यान्वित करने का निर्णय लिया है ; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

जल संसाधन एवं संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल): (क) और (ख) कृषि मंत्रालय द्वारा प्रकाशित अद्यतन उपलब्ध कृषि गणना 1985–86 के अनुसार, सीमांत किसानों की 42.05 प्रतिशत भूमि और छोटे किसानों की 47.31 प्रतिशत भूमि पूर्ण रूप से असिंचित थी ।

(ग) और (घ) जी, नहीं । वृहद एवं मध्यम परियोजनाएं और लघु सिंचाई योजनाएं सभी कृषकों को उनके कमानों में सिंचाई सुविधायें प्रदान करती है जिनमें सीमांत और छोटे किसान भी शामिल हैं ।

Engineering Colleges for Women in Rajasthan

*635. SHRI RAJENDRA PRASAD MODY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Engineering colleges meant exclusively for girls students and what is the sanctioned strength in each subject;

(b) whether these colleges are under the public or the private sector and what is the policy of the Government of India for permitting Engineering or Professioanl Colleges exclusively for girls in the private sector;

(c) whether Government have any scheme for starting professional college exclusively for women in backward areas of Rajasthan; and

(d) whether some private projects exclusively meant for women Engineering or Professional Colleges in backward areas of Rajasthan are pending for assistance or recommendation for receiving external assistance; if so, the steps Government propose to take to give or recommend for external assistance for starting such project?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) All India Council for Technical Education has approved 3 Engineering Colleges for Women with intake capacity of 440.

(b) One is University College and the other two are Private Colleges.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Government of India does not give financial assistance for starting a Private College.

Committee on National Youth Programmes

*636. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formed a Committee on National Youth Programmes under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee for National Youth Programme consists of 56 Members and is Chaired by the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Minister-in-Charge of Human Resource Development is Deputy Chairman, Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports